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In view current situation in Viet-Nam, notably deliberate Communist North Vietnamese attacks on U.S. destroyers on high seas, we consider it urgent and critically important that our airforce strength in the area be augmented. Following air units have been alerted and are prepared to move to or within area following notification and approval of governments concerned. You should(either in conjunction with delivering Presidential message conveyed septel or SUBSEQUENT by separate approaches) notify highest appropriate level of necessity for these transfers in order to deter escalation by being prepared for it. You should request their approval. Forces and transfers involved are as follows:

(a) Two B-57 squadrons from Philippines to South Viet-Nam;
(b) One F-105 squadron from Japan to Korat (Thailand);
(c) One F-105 squadron from CONUS to Yokota;
(d) One F-100 squadron from Clark Field to Thakli (Thailand);

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(d) One F-102 interceptor squadron from Clark Field to Saigon and Danang;

(e) Two F-100 squadrons from CONUS to Clark Field;

(f) Eight SAC KC-135 tankers from CONUS to Clark Field.

FOR MANILA: In informing Macapagal about these movements you should do it in way that does not require his concurrence since this not necessary under MBA.

FOR TOKYO: GOJ should be informed of these redeployments. GOJ approval of course not required and should not be sought.

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